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1. In May 1951 the Army Engineers Command of the Central and South China Military Area established an army engineers school at Lunglin (106-14, 23-09) to train DRV engineering cadres. On 1 October, the 250 members of the first class graduated; as of early October, they were returning to Vietnam and 120 new students from Vietnam had arrived to enroll in the second class, which was scheduled to begin in early November.
2. The Joint Sino-Soviet-Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Supply and Service Command normally ships arms ammunition and material to Vietnam via Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09) and Lungchou (106-56, 22-22). Since 1 September 1951, however, the quantity shipped via P'inghsiang (106-44, 22-06) has noticeably increased.
3. Statistics of the Command show that 30 to 40 trucks, with 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton capacity, were sent daily to Vietnam¹ between 20 September and 1 October. They were fully laden with rifles and munitions. Chinese Communist soldiers escorted the shipments, which were estimated to total 1,000 tons of rifles and ammunition. In early October these supplies were stored in Langson in North Vietnam.
4. On 24 September, 50 Chinese Communist troops escorted 8 trucks controlled by the Command. The trucks carried 16 mountain guns via Chinghsi to Cao Bang in North Vietnam.²
5. The shipment of strategic material from Hainan to Vietnam became more frequent during September. Shipments included 1,500 cases of ammunition, 600 cases of grenades, 20 tons of foodstuffs, and 2,000 drums of kerosene. These are carried principally to Camau in South Vietnam and to T'ung Chiao (通橋)³ in Central Vietnam in boats under 100 tons each.

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
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1.  Comment. Presumably these were sent via P'inghsiang.

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2.  Comment. Since the trucks had not returned to Kwangsi by 1 October, it is probable that they were carrying guns further into Vietnam.

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3.  Comment. The Vietnamese equivalent is Tung Kieu.

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